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#### THE VALUE OF HONESTY.

Statesman, yet friend to truth of soul sin-

individual who lives up to his prom- times. ises. It runs: "His word is as good as The Herald hopes the Wednesday go away so well satisfied that they will "Honesty is the best policy."

requested a loan with no security other advance.

The money was counted out without a moment's hesitation. "I know you to be an honest man," said the banker. Stories like this could be multiplied many times without going outside the borders of Utah. The man with a clean record can always get help when he needs it sorely. The man who has fied, who has broken his promises, who has evaded his covenants is turned away empty-handed in the day of retribution. Grover Cleveland is one of this country's greatest phrase-makers, but he never made a finer or a truer one than | F THE PENNSYLVANIA coal minwhen he said: "Party honesty is party expediency,"

course for parties or for men. The most successful politicians are the politicians who never lie to their constituents. For a time the liars may succeed. They may be elected to positions of responsibility and trust, but, the sake of the stock market, they the people this nation is trying to "asirretrievable ruin. Solomon said: "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." He had both, and was says: never called upon to choose between them, but his saying holds good to this ators against unreasonable demands of the

and distressing lodgment.

Success, measured in the worldly lost." ertions, but they never know when they are inspiring some one else to walk uprightly and to deal justly with all men. There is a victory greater than lorious. As between Mr. Clews and Mr. men. There is a victory greater than torious. As between Mr. Clews and Mr. whisky-selling, have done The Herald that the publishers have delegated to a fame; it is the power to guide others fer to believe the latter. Clews aright, to shape one's course so that it speaks only what he hopes. Mitchell is making against such malefactors. In speaks only what he hopes. Mitchell is making against such malefactors. In this plan list what the speaks of the fight this paper is the power to guide others for to believe the latter. Clews aright, to shape one's course so that it speaks only what he hopes. Mitchell is making against such malefactors. In this plan list what the power to guide others for the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list what the latter is making against such malefactors. In this plan list what the latter is making against such malefactors. In this plan list what the latter is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this plan list was a speak of the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. In this paper is making against such malefactors are malefactors and the fight this paper is making against such malefactors. behind to follow into perfect life.

### MISS TAYLOR'S CASE.

A GREAT DEAL of unnecessary commotion has been raised in the newspapers and elsewhere over the discharge of Miss Rebecca J. Taylor from a clerkship in the war department because she wrote and published letters severely criticising the course of the administration in the Philippines. The fact that Representative McCleary of Minnesota, who is Miss Taylor's brother-in-law, has made no complaint because of Secretary Root's action, is a sufficient indication of his belief that she should have been discharged.

In explaining the affair Secretary Root said: "No head of a department can maintain effective administration if he is obliged to depend upon the services of clerks who are so violently opposed to the success of the work in which they are engaged that they are unable to refrain from public denunciation of the work and insult to the president." The secretary's position is undeniably correct. If Miss Taylor could not give loyalty to her employers she their direction.

It is a pity that some less conspicudoes is right, and that everything he more will be needed. says is true, but if he does not so believe he should at least refrain from saying so publicly. When the time resign before giving way to them.

The fact that Miss Taylor belongs to the gentler sex does not lessen her ously are merely making investments. ure hadn't postponed their meeting seem to alter the publisher's determination to kill the work. Mr. Dreisser man, often a great deal more. When rectly or indirectly with liberal interest she does meddle she is entitled to no added. try demanded the discharge of Maclay to do the honors of the occasion in the dered Admiral Schley in his alleged his- That is less than 50 cents per capita. Lebsters?

tory of the Santiago campaign. And Now, suppose only 10,000 strangers come Maclay was discharged.

what he pleases about Schley. As a will spend at least \$3 per day for four private citizen Miss Taylor has a right days. That is \$30,000 a day, or \$120,000 heart's content, and there is no doubt be far ahead of these, but those given that she will criticise it, justly and vig- will serve for purposes of illustration.

### MID-WEEK HALF-HOLIDAYS.

THIS IS THE TIME of year when that a sufficiently high dividend to suit hardest. Especially is this true of the some classes of citizens will be more young women and young men who are benefited than others. For instance, employed as clerks in the large dry the hotels and the restaurants will reap goods stores and other establishments the greatest harvest, for visitors must where it is necessary to stand much of sleep and they must eat, no matter the time. At best their positions are what else they do. But the hotel man not enviable, but in the summer months and the restaurant man will not put they are almost beyond enduring. Early their money into safety deposit boxes, closing, that is, the shutting of store They will circulate it here in Salt Lake, doors at 6:30 p. m. every day in the and all classes will thereby be beneweek, except Saturday, has brought fited. some relief to these workers, but they A notable fact in connection with the are entitled to more.

to close their places of business at noon two years ago are giving most freely cere,
In action faithful and in honor clear:
Who broke no promise, served no private lieved, was more than profitable all investment. And aside from the sordid, Who gained no title, and who lost no around. The employes returned to commercial aspect of the convention, it their work the next morning feeling is necessary that the city's guests be THESE LINES from Alexander Pope's fresh and rested, they had enjoyed a fittingly entertained, because the city epistle to Addison describe an hon- breath of cool, bracing air, and they has a reputation for hospitality which orable man. The politician who lives were in condition to do their work more must be maintained. up to their spirt, the business man, the briskly, more promptly and with more professional man, the laborer, of whom interest than they could have brought offers the city an opportunity for adsuch words can truthfully be spoken, to bear under the old conditions. Thus vertising itself such as has never before has not lived in vain. There is a say- the employers builded wisely when they ing which is often used to describe the gave those under them brief resting

his bond." Another familiar line is, half-holiday will be resumed this year. It has been said that inconvenience is Lives of the world's greatest men caused to shoppers and to housekeepers remind us of the truth of these sayings. by depriving them of half a day in Honesty is the best capital in the which to make purchases. That is world. Not so very long ago a Sait probably true, for no great body of Lake man lost every dollar he pos- people was ever benefited without some sessed. The future held scant promise injury to others. But in this case the for him, the past was littered with injury is more imaginary than real. shattered hopes. One day he saw an Every purchaser can arrange his or her opportunity by which, with a little time so as to transact all necessary money, he could make a fresh start. business during the hours the stores He visited a banker who had known are open. All that is necessary is a him in the days of his prosperity and little forethought, a little planning in

than his own name at the bottom of Of course it would be manifestly unfair, in these days of keen competition, to expect a few merchants to join in the half-holiday movement while others held aloof. To be successful such a concession must have the approval of all employers. Salt Lake merchants, as a rule, deal generously by those who work for them, and it is thought that if the proper effort is made Wednesday half-holidays will again be inaugu-

### TWO VIEWS OF A STRIKE.

ers, who are striking for living wages and reasonable hours of toil, know when they are well off they will calmly assent to the starvation scale and go thankfully back to work. Banker Henry Clews is satisfied that are wasting their time and their money in a useless struggle and that, for much may be gathered from Mr. Clews' usual weekly letter in which he

No man is so thoroughly at peace with the world as the man who can say with truth as he retires to rest: "Today I ford to surrender management of the recy of the secretary's estimate.

Full of optimism as the can distance if an idea occurred to him, in order doned for at least doubting the accurrence forthwith to put it on record. He once said, what was very true, that he never truth as he retires to rest: "Today I ford to surrender management of the racy of the secretary's estimate. have done no harm to my neighbor." property entrusted to their care by For the sake of the nation, it is to

with difficulties and their rewards are have ever had, a man who has always policies are carried out. small, out of all proportion to their ex- counseled moderation and who has althe acquisition of wealth or power or Mitchell, the general public will pre- the honor to discontinue their subscripmay be a broad and easy way for those is on the ground and his prediction is the words of a very distinguished Ro-behind to follow into perfect life.

Spared in this plan. Just what effect these methods will have on the book

> Once in, however, he is in to win. taking the least bit of risk. Here are just the same. the words of the wise man:

"When the public appetite for specmay look for a revival of confidence | learning to their sorrow. and general improvement. Meanwhile, good stocks bought on recessions are moderate rallies."

In other words, "There is money on the right side of stocks."

# A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

FROM the most reliable estimates that can be obtained it is behad no business drawing money under lieved that fully 15,000 strangers ous method of dropping her from the venes here in August. To properly en- interesting to know just what they will rolls was not adopted, but few people tertain these visitors money will be re- do when they are all under the same who are aware of the circumstances of quired. Members of the local lodge of roof. Where are the people to land? the case will regret that she was Elks have been soliciting subscriptions dropped. The first duty an employe for some time, and they have met with owes to his employer is unswerving al- responses which are more than gratify- will find occasion for unrestrained giee legiance. It is not necessary that he ing. Cash to the amount of nearly should believe everything his employer \$10,000 has been guaranteed, but much nation to be a brigadier general. Cro-

Many citizens have a mistaken notion great many older soldiers and similar about giving to funds of this character. actions may be expected shortly. They labor under the impression that comes when he cannot restrain his impulses, he should have the decency to that they are making abolute donations, that they are making abolute donations, that they are aiding a charity. The land anxious country might not have the fact that the London academy reverse is true. Instead of playing the known this if the house and senate philanthropist, those who give gener- conferees on the isthmian canal measobligations. A meddlesome woman can Any money they pay into the entertainmake as much trouble as a meddlesome | ment fund will come back to them di- sary of Senator Morgan's birth.

more consideration than would be ac- A very little figuring will suffice to in New York. Now wouldn't that frost corded a man. With almost absolute prove the correctness of this assertion. | you? And right in the middle of the unanimity the newspapers of the coun- Something like \$25,000 will be required | coal strike, too. because he misrepresented and slan- style Salt Lake should do the honors.

to town-and that is a very moderate As a private citizen Maclay can say estimate. Every one of those strangers to criticise the administration to her for the session. The actual figures will

It will be seen that with the most moderate of starting points, for every 50 cents the grand lodge costs Salt Lake, about \$4 will be returned. Isn't the lot of the indoor worker is the most grasping? It is true that

subscription lists is that citizens who Last year the merchants of Salt Lake gave most freely to the entertainment very generously joined in a movement fund for the livestock convention of

The approaching meeting of the Elks been presented. Ten thousand or 15,000 people can make a great deal of noise advertise her attractions and her advantages wherever they go. The failure of this convention will forever blast Salt Lake's chances for securing other great meetings. It must not fail, and it will not if every citizen does his part as he should do it.

### COST OF THE PHILIPPINES.

EVERY TIME THE CLOCK has ticked since May 1, 1898, the Philippine islands have cost the United States \$1.34.

Every time the second hand on your watch has completed its ceaseless circuit, the expenditure has been \$80.81. Every hour since Admiral George Dewey sunk the Spanish fleet in Manila harbor, \$4,848.98 in American money

has been spent to hold the Philippine archipelago. Every day has involved an outlay of

The total cost of the islands, since May 1, 1898, and up to May 1, 1902, exclusive of the purchase price of \$20,000,-000, which was paid to Spain, has been \$170,326,587.

And, be it always remembered, the outlay of money is the most insignificant feature of American control of the Philippines. Of the lives sacrificed by bullets and through disease. Secretary Root takes no account in the report recently submitted to the senate. The tortures inflicted on Filipino prisoners the strikers are going to lose; that they by "Hell-Roaring Jake" Smith and his kind are not mentioned. The fearful example set by the American troops to similate" has no part in the report.

Secretary Root attempts to comfort the people by the statement that he says:

"The firm stand taken by the operators against unreasonable demands of the past. It is certainly to be hoped has imparted a somewhat better feelthe people by the statement that fuhas imparted a somewhat better feel- that the assertion will prove true, both No sleep is so refreshing as the sleep ing in financial circles. It is idle to as regards money, men and example, that comes with a healthy conscience. predict how long this unfortunate Full of optimism as the average Ameri-No man is so thoroughly at peace with struggle will continue; but it is self- can citizen is, however, he will be par-

Often it is hard to keep a covenant; often it is easy to evade one; but, as often it is easy to after them, so surely will the remem- to ultimate defeat. \* \* \* Perhaps and dollars as it has sacrificed them brance of the wrong find permanent the miners will learn by experience; if in the past. If some great end were to so, the lessons of the strike will not be be achieved, the people might look on sand letters from him, and most inand say "Amen"; but there is to be no sense, does not always come to honest In the meanwhile, John Mitchell, the end for the Philippines other than that men. Their path is oftentimes beset most conservative leader the miners of an imperial colony if Republican

> based on actual conditions. It should man: "What's banished but set free trade is not clear. At any rate, be remembered, too, that in the begin- from daily contact with the things I Hough is to be congratulated, provided ning Mitchell was against the strike. loathe?" The Herald feels mighty bad his contract calls for a royalty on every And, merely in passing, it is interest- a month these gentlemen have been expense of its sening. The other are ing to note that Mr. Clews has changed his stereotyped stock market predictions. This week he tells everybedy how to get rich quickly and without their paper, but the loss is theirs, not ours, after all. They won't get the news and the fight against their illegal practices will be continued sissippi novel in mind is in the Eagle paying for their paper, but the loss is Talon," a story of the Louisiana purchase. The author, Mrs. Sheppard Stevens, is not unknown to the book world, but it is doubtful if she has done how to get rich quickly and without their illegal practices will be continued

> ulation revives, when funds now locked the beet sugar trust the party of trusts Lefreniere, leaves the wild country, up in syndicate operations are released, seems likely to be busted. The trust, where St. Louis now stands, and goes when some of the deals now in the air like the red wine of the proverb, may approach consummation, when the be good to look upon, but "at the last crop outlook becomes more certain, it biteth like a serpent and stingeth the purer atmosphere of the great when labor moderates its demands, we like an adder" as the Republicans are Louisiana territory, but there is noth-

> > +0+ has taken a fast hold on prisoners generally. Oklahoma furnished the latest shackled together jumped off of a rapidly moving train and haven't been located since.

The beef packers are planning a billion dollar trust. If they could force will visit Salt Lake during the meeting up prices the way they did some weeks of the Elks' grand lodge, which con- ago without any combination it will be

Administration favorites in the army in the confirmation of Crozier's nomizier was jumped over the heads of a

because it happened to be the anniver- however, has finally arranged for the

An ice cream trust has been formed

Won't somebody please can those

### THE

### LITERARY **OUTLOOK**

(BY HERBERT BREWSTER.) OLABORATION is an art which

seems to flourish in England the long period of literary partnership which existed between Sir Walter Besant and Mr. James Rice. Kipling and Wolcott Balestier might have been doing novels together to this day but for the untimely death of the latter shortly after the completion of "The Nanlahka." Perhaps it is the English disposition, though in the case just cited Balestier was a transplanted American. Far out on the Pacific washed shores of Samoa, Robert Louis Stevenson and Lloyd Osborne found combined literary efforts congenial-another case of international amity in the province of letters. As a matter of fact, however, few literary partnerships exist in this country, and, ately, many more exist in England. One of the most successful of these writing firms came into wide promi-

nence not so long ago under the names, "Martin Ross and O. E. Somerville."
There was considerable surprise when it was learned that the pseudonyms concealed the identity of two Irish girls—cousins, Miss Violet Martin and Miss Somerville. It had been supposed by many, at least by those in this coun try who read "The Experiences of An Irish R. M.," that the authors were men. Even the editors who corresponded with them about their MSS, used to address them as men until the authors would one day walk in and announce themselves by their pen names, Miss Martin and Miss Somerville ar

reat-granddaughters of Charles Kenall Eushe, formerly chief justice of reland, and a great wit and orator in his day. He must have been a man of extraordigary liferary and artistic tastes, because all of his descendants have been more or less imbued with the life the era when the rights have been more or less imbued with one or the other talent, Among the best known of these are W. G. Wills, the dramatist; the Hon, Mrs. Greene, a writer of short stories; Mr. Plunket Greene, the singer, and Robert Martin a poet of no mean ability.

Then if the era when the rights And wrongs of woman shall be righted. Be ushered in, and lurid night By Justice's brilliant sun be lighted. You might or could have made a mark Greene, the singer, and Robert Martin a poet of no mean ability.

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The two girl cousins had written a ttle eparately before they met. One day they changed upon a curious old house, which suggested the plot of a story. A sprained knee of one of them started the work together. They decided to write a "Shilling Shocker," we in America would call a back." Before they had gone far, however, the shocker element dropped out and "An Irish Cousin" was the result of their joint labors. Since then the two have made several tours together, each of which has been followed by book which relates their experiences Probably the "Irish R. M." story is the best known and best executed story they have written. It is understood that another book will come from them

Within a short time a complete edition of the works of John Ruskin will be issued, and strange as it may seem, it will contain more matter than such an edition would have contained had Mr. Ruskin been living. The present editors and publishers are of the opinion that Mr. Ruskin was too, careful and too exacting with his own worl The manuscript as it now stands ready for publication has had extered to it some good words which Mr. Ruskin

him," says Mr. George Allen, his publisher, "and nothing could be too well not only of his books, but of the many letters which he was in the habit of writing. I think I have myself a thouteresting they are."

Two of the best historical novels of the present season locate the scenes of their actions mainly in the Mississippi valley. "The Mississippi Bubble" is representative the task of making the about losing the ten or twelve dollars copy of his book sold, regardless of the so good a book as this last. The eagle in the title is the great Napoleon, who has become infatuated with a cousin Between the cane sugar trust and of the hero. This young man, Louis the heat sugar trust the party of trusts. Lefreniere, leaves the wild country, to France to rescue his cousin. new and old worlds are contrasted in a way which makes the reader prefer ing impure in the story or unpleasant. The revelation of Napoleon's character Since Young, the murderer, set the Louisiana purchase treaty and thus likely to afford a profit if sold on the fashion at Ogden, the escaping habit making the young girl a subject of the United States,

Mr. Adrian H. Joline, whose "Mediexample when two convicts who were tations of An Autograph Collector" has just been published, is a member of a New York law firm equally celebrated or its legal skill and its literary repu-One of the partners of the firm William Allen Butler, who wrote "Nothing to Wear," the celebrated poem which details the doings of Miss Flora M'Flimsey of Madison This poem first appeared in Harper's Weekly in 1857, and at once became popular. The "Meditations" is the first ok Mr. Joline has done, though from his earliest years he has had a pro-nounced leaning towards literature, and a marked capacity for making literary finds in the way of autograph letters, many of which are reproduced in his

Theorodre Dreisser was so unfortuna Theodore Dreisser was so unfortunate a year or so ago to publish a book brough a firm which, for some reason called this book one of the two best purchase and transfer of the plates and ontract to another firm, and "Sister Carrie" will shortly appear in a new and attractive edition. Mr. Dreisser is now at work on the proofs of another novel which he completed recently. The theme is a moral one, as may be gressor," It is the life story of a young woman who feels justified in making certain changes in the accepted stand-

ards and who sacrifices herself because

LINES TO A LADY.

(Who, when the writer remarked that he would like to have lived 500 years ago, replied that "it would be far preferable to live 500 years hence.")

T KNOW not what I might have been In that old age with romance glowing; A churlish knave, or gentleman,

And alms with generous hand bestowmore than in America. Witness ong period of literary partnership hexisted between Sir Walter Be-

Neath musty files of manuscript.
Where eerle memories stalk unbidden.

Or poet-priest, and writ in verse
Long Latin sentences on duty;
To huri at avarice a curse,
A double one on lust and beauty;
Then in dark scheming found delightIncreasing thus the church's poss

or mistress met, or maid by night. To hear (sub rosa) strange

I might have scorned the wise and good And shunned the priestly ways and holy;
A footpad like old Robin Hood
To rob the great and give the lowly;
Or borne a spear, or couched a lance,
And marched with warriors grim and

gory, To die in Palestine or France, Inwrapt with mail and doubtful glory.

Or, living, won a soldier's meed—Half fed and underpaid and slighted;
Or for some brave and generous deed,
Or some bold deviltry been knighted.
Or servile peasant, low and mean,
Serf to some robber baron olden;
Or born to rank one might have been,
And ate and drank from service golden. What you might be five centuries hence

Transcends my dull imagination,
Transcends my dull imagination,
We scan the past for evidence.
The future yields no revelation.
But five more centuries may bring
Great revelations, growth and changes,
Beyond which visionaries sing,
Or your exuberant fancy ranges.

Vast empires shall have passed away
And new arise to follow after;
The love and wisdom of today
May then excite but scorn or laughter;
And this fair land that we uphold
May have outgrown old superstitions,
And burled 'neath the dust and mold
Old crotchets, customs and conditions.

You might have framed judicious laws Within the halls of legislation. Or plead a weaker sister's cause—
But this vague, fruitless speculation
Is most unsatisfactory.
So let us cease our simple wonder
And each devoutly thankful be
We were not thrust so far asunder.

Unheeding what might be, or could Have been in past or future ages; Or great or lowly, bad or good, But count ourselves among the sages Who deem the present better far Than all the centuries that have fleeted; Nor seek a dim cluster star. or seek a dim elusive star No living mortal ever greeted.

We know not what decree awaits
The fated or the favored mortal
Whose unforged key shall ope the gates
That bar the mystic future's portal;
With echoes of past ages blent
We hear the clank of chains incessant,
And crackling fagots, well content
To live our uneventful present. one our uneventful present.

-N. ALBERT SHERMAN.
Salt Lake City, June, 1902.

THE KNUTSFORD. To The Salt Lake Herald: Please state who owns the Knutsford hotel, to decide a bet. AN ELK.

A corporation known as the Western Hotel company owns the Knutsford hotel property. The stock is almost ennotes from diaries which the editors declare are not personal chronicle, but are pages of set literature.

There are also numerous tirely held by Sylvester Cunningham and a Mr. Thompson of Gloucester, Mass., they having bought the shares formerly owned by the estate of the

Books and the Unbookish.

(London Globe.)

ir?"
The simplicity of the half-bookish can ilso be entertaining in a rather grievous way. C. K. S. of the Sphere remarks his week that a reference below a picture to the removal of the king's "house-hold gods" from Marlborough house to Buckingham palace brought him the fol-lowing from a reader: "There is a mis-take on page 65 of this week's Sphere. Instead of 'household gods' I think you mean 'household gods'."

#### Died of Improvements. (Philadelphia Times.)

An up-town physician tells of a German friend, a poor journeyman baker, who sent his wife to a local hospital when she fell ill. The physician always asked with interest after the condition of the label with the comment the German she fell ill. The physician always asked with interest after the condition of the sick woman when he met the German, and was told in reply: "Well, doctor, they say at the hospital there's improvement." This reply did not vary from day to day for a month or more, and was always spoken by the German very stolidly, as though he really did not see in the report any grounds for hope. Then one morning, meeting the physician and being asked the usual question, he said: "Oh, she's dead, doctor." "Dead?" repeated the physician. "What do they say she died of?" "They didn't say—they didn't have to," answered the German. "I knew. She died of too many improvements."

of too many improvements.'

Oak or Squash?

(New York Times.)

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When the late President Barrows of Oberlin college was asked by a student if he could not take less than the regular four years' course. Dr. Barrows looked the applicant over thoughtfully and replied:

"Why. certainly, my lad. A short course if you like, but my advice to you is to take the longest course possible. The length of time you wish to devote to study rests with you entirely, and should depend on what you intend to become. Just remember that when God intends to make an oak he takes a hundred years, but when he wants a squash he takes six months."

Simply "Rotten." (New York Clipper.) A friend of Kellerd, knowing his need

of an actor for a small part in "The Cipher Code," his most recent play, sent ; young man to him who proved unsuitable for the part. Some time later Kellerd met young man to him who proved unsuitable for the part. Some time later Kellerd met his friend, who asked:
"Well, Jack, how did that chap do?"
"Do!" why he didn't do at all," exclaimed the actor.
"Well, that's too bad," said the friend, "didn't be know anything?"
"Know anything!" exclaimed Kellerd in fine scorn. "No, he didn't even suspect anything."

Where the Editor Turned, (Youth's Companion.)

The youthful author pocketed his rejected verses, but he could not swallow the editor's criticism.

"Sir." said he, not without dignity, "a poet is born, not made."

"Young man," returned the editor, blandly, "it won't help your case any to try and shift the blame to your parents."

# No Thoughts.

(Philadelphia Press.) "The postman has just brought me Aunt Jane's present," said the poet's wife. "What do you think it is?"
"I don't know," replied the poet, disturbed at work.
"But can't you think?"
"Gee whizz! How do you expect me to think now? I'm writing something for the magazines." he magazines."

#### A Hard Task. (Detroit Free Press.)

Not Exactly Dull. "Mabel, love." said young Mr. Tenspot, y way of proposal, "let me be your ead-winner for life."

KISSING THE BOOK.

A Relic of the Time When Kissing Was General in Merry England. (Lancet.)

Sir Francis Jeune and Mr. Justice Gorell Barnes have had posted outside the two courts of the probate, divorce and admiralty division notices to witnesses calling their attention to the fact that they may be sworn in the Scotch manner before giving evidence. That is to say, they may be sworn with uplifted hand, repeating a solemn in-vocation to the Deity, instead of taking a book and kissing it, after listening o a form repeated by a minor official refer is repeated outside one of the courts of the chancery division, and we have every hope that it may be-

We have for many years contended that the oath of kissing a book has nothing to commend it, while it is nasty and may become a means of propagation of disease, and we have seen with regret that the statutory permission to swear in the Scotch fashion was, as a rule, not known by witnesses and frequently, also, that judges, coroners and magistrates were ignorant of

The form of swearing by kissing a

book is purely one of custom. There is no direct authority for it in any act of parliament, or rule, or book of practice. The date also of its introduction s unknown, but this is not because it has been lost in the mists of antiquity. for it is fairly certain that, so recent as at the end of the seventeenth century, if the form existed it was not in any general use. It has been pointed out that Coke in his institutes makes no mention of kissing the book, but writes of the "corporal oath" as thus named, because the witness touched with his hand a portion of the scriptures, and this aspect of the oath no loubt survives in the familiar warning of the usher to the witness to remove the glove before taking the Testament for the purpose of kissing it. It is also observed in the "Book of Oaths," of which an edition was published in 1689, here is no mention of kissing a book. How the kissing originated is, we be ieve, almost as much a matter of specllation as is the date at which it be-

The laying of the hand on the Gospels n swearing is, no doubt, of great antiquity, while the laying of the hand or the altar of a delty in invoking the deity to witness a statement or promise is older than the Gospels. The laying of the hand on the Gospels has parallel in other countries besides Eng land. The kissing of the book is, how ver, we believe, peculiar to England or to England and Ireland, and it is no quite easy to assign its origin to the kissing of relics when we apparently find it introduced in England after all veneration for relics had been swept away and made illegal.

It is worth noting that English peo-ple were more addicted to kissing once than they are now. Kissing as a form of salutation was so common among them that it excited the interest and amusement of foreigners. Erasmus re-fers to it, and a Hungarian gentleman who visited London and moved in good society in 1663, was much struck with the way in which men kissed ladies when they greeted them, where Hungarians would have shaken hands. Even Frenchmen in the middle ages held kissing as a peculiarity of the English nation, much as we remark upon it now among the French. It is, therefore, at least possible that the kiss bestowed upon the book in taking an oath may have been not so much a kiss acknowledgment by bodily contact somewhat more ceremonious than man-ual contact, but still not associated with any great feeling of solemnity.

#### New Light on an Old Subject. (Chicago Tribune)

Old Mrs. Hubbard, several years aft-r the poem appeared in print describer the poem appeared in print describwas speaking of the incident to her next-door neighbor.

"In the first place," she said, "it The mystery of books is great to the unbookish. A rising young novelist, who had been mildly communicative to his charwoman, was asked the other day with touching simplicity: "Might you be the author of the 'Canterbury Tales,' sir?"

wasn't worth making a poem about, and, in the next place, the man didn't get it right. I saw the dog was hungry, and I went to the ice box and got a nice piece of raw beef for him. I don't feed my dog bones. And if I did I sir?" feed my dog bones. And if I did I wouldn't keep them in the cupboard. The cupboard wasn't bare, either. It was just as well filled as anybody's." "What do you suppose made the fellow say you went to the cupboard?" asked the neighbor.

"He couldn't think of any other rhyme for Hubbard," replied the aged dame, lighting her pipe with a fresh coal of fire. 'These (puff) poets (puff, puff) make

me tired!' Oriental Logic.

(The Drawer, Harper's Magazine, July.) A man bought three pounds of meat and brought it home to his wife to cook for dinner, and then went his way to his place of business in the bazars. The rife was hungry and ate the meat In the evening the man came home and asked for his dinner.

"There is no meat," said the wife, "for the cat ate it." "Bring the cat," said the man, "and a pair of scales." Weigh the cat," said the man. The

cat weighed three pounds. "If this is the cat," said the man, where is the meat? And if this is the

meat, where is the cat?' Misplaced Pity.

(New York Tribune.)

A woman recently entered an omnibus in an English town, accompanied by a small boy, who wore a saucepan on his head in place of the more usual hat. His appearance provoked comment. "Wot's 'e doin' it fur?" asked one traveler.

er. "Doin' it fur?" cried the mother. "Why, e was playin' at bein' Lord Kitchener somethin', and 'e wanted a 'elmet, so puts the sorsepan on 'is 'ed, and now can't get it off, so I'm taking 'im to the 'orspital." Said a sympathizer.
"Poor kid!" cried the mother. "it's poor me. 'E was in such a 'urry that 'e never looked to see wot was in the sorsepan, and now 'e's got my blessed breakfast on 'is 'ead."

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(Chicago Inter Ocean.)

Little did Joseph Ormsby draam when he ran away because his wife presented him with fourteen children in seven years that the set of "quads" born after his base desertion would bring fortune to the prolific Mrs. Ormsby.

Sept. 20 the "quads" were born. Mrs. Ormsby was deserted and penniless, and the kind public came to her rescue. Now the "quads" have two maids to look after them. Yesterday they moved into an 18,000 cottage and have brought \$20,000 to the mother. They are the biggest museum attractions since the Siamese twins. Mrs. Ormsby draws \$300 a week and \$100 from Ormsby draws \$300 a week and \$100 from the sale of photographs.

Happy Recollections.

"Bill," said the first veteran, "I can't forget them days when we drank from the same canteen."
"No more can I," answered Bill. "When it was water we drank, we always drank from yours; when it was something else we drank from mine."
And a muffled grumble and rumble and roar told that the battle was on once more and well-nigh wrecked the bar room floor.

Faint Heart Won. (New York Weekly.)

Dora-How many times did you refuse Jack before you accepted him? Ethel-Only once. He seemed so discouraged I was afraid to try it again.

BLACK "He has had an interesting career, hasn't he?"
"Well, rather. He has been through two fortunes, three wives and a sanitarium." DIL

Perfectly Aware of It. (Philadelphia Times.)

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One of the two boys who figure in tale should get along in "world ability to get results with small provided the has little affection for the smaller nominations of figures. When told be gentle playfellow that the latter had be made a paternal present of a goat, "Hugh! We.

replied:
"Hugh! My pop has a whole flock of goats down in his office."
The other boy seemed amazed but went on with his joyful narrative.
"My papa bought me a wagon, too, he said. said. "Well, what of it?" he was asked. "My pop had so many wagons he had to burn a lot of 'em because he had no room for

'em."
The gentle boy did not believe this Moreover, to hear it pained him, for he had faith in what he learned in Sunday school.
"Don't you know what happened to Ananias and Sapphira?" he asked. "They were struck dead for lying."
Patently this was not information to his companion, who responded, impatiently companion, who responded, impati companion, who responded, impati perhaps, but without bravado; "I know it. I saw them struck."

#### A Pessimistic Wail. (Cleveland Plain Dealer,)

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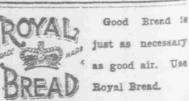
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